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SUBJECT: COORDINATED PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON RWANDA

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1. (U) THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST - SEE PARA 4.

2. (U) FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S
 RADIO MESSAGE ON RWANDA, CARRIED ON APRIL 30:

BEGIN TEXT

THE HORRORS OF CIVIL WAR AND MASS KILLINGS OF CIVILIANS IN
 RWANDA, SINCE THE TRAGIC DEATHS OF THE RWANDAN AND

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BURUNDIAN PRESIDENTS THREE WEEKS AGO, HAVE SHOCKED AND APPALLED THE WORLD COMMUNITY.

ON BEHALF OF ALL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I CALL ON THE RWANDAN ARMY AND THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT TO AGREE TO AN IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE AND RETURN TO NEGOTIATIONS IMED AT A LASTING PEACE IN THEIR COUNTRY.

I APPLAUD THE EFFORTS OF REGIONAL LEADERS ACTIVELY EGAGED IN THE QUEST FOR PEACE. I REAFFIRM THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RENEWED NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT

A LASTING PEACE IN THEIR COUNTRY.

THE PAIN AND SUFFERING OF THE RWANDAN PEOPLE HAVE TOUCHED THE HEARTS OF ALL AMERICANS. IT IS TIME FOR THE LEADERS OF RWANDA TO RECOGNIZE THEIR COMMON BOND OF HUMANITY AND TO REJECT THE SENSELESS AND CRIMINAL VIOLENCE THAT CONTINUES TO PLAGUE THEIR COUNTRY.

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3. (LOU) AFTER BEING CARRIED ON U.S. RADIO, THE MESSAGE WAS PICKED UP AND ULTIMATELY BROADCAST IN RWANDA, WHERE IT RECEIVED A VERY POSITIVE REACTION. WE BELIEVE THAT SIMILAR MESSAGES FROM OTHER WORLD LEADERS WOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THE WORLD IS WATCHING AND IS UITED IN ITS DESIRE TO SEE AN IMMEDIATE END TO THE KILLINGS AND TO THE FIGHTING.

4. (LOU) ADDRESSEES ARE INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS (ADDIS ALSO FOR OAU; EMASSY VATICAN FOR VATICAN) AND URGE THAT THEY TRANSMIT SIMILAR MESSAGES FROM LEADERS AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL.

5. (U) BUJUMBURA - MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. CHRISTOPHER

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